

SAGEBRUSH AND PRAIRIE GRASSLAND ECOSYSTEMS - \$2 MILLION

The President's budget request identified \$2.8 million to reduce impacts of OHVs and recreation on T&E species within Special Areas, including Sagebrush/Prairie Grassland Ecosystems (see BLM Budget Justification for FY 2001, Section I, pages 1-19). The \$2.8 million was requested in four separate subactivities, including T&E, Recreation, Wilderness, and Soil/Water/Air. The appropriations provided \$2.0 million in T&E Species Management subactivity to be "used primarily to fund on-the-ground projects which will have the greatest benefit to restoring ecosystems" impacted by severe fires in 1999 and the spread of noxious weeds.

Please review the table titled *Breakdown of Sagebrush/Prairie/OHV Funding* in the FY 2001 PTA, Section II, pages 43-44, and identify any deletions or changes to the identified projects. In addition, new proposals may be submitted for consideration using the following table and a 1-page narrative. New proposals should address large scale (minimum size: 2,000 ac.) native plant community restoration projects designed to test restoration techniques for native plant species in areas affected by fire and/or weeds that are also habitat for species at risk. Projects designed with partners will be given priority. Project plans should describe proposed management actions and monitoring that will be taken to ensure successful implementation.

New project proposals that more closely address congressional intent will be funded based in information provided through this data call.

Project Name	Size (Acres)	Partners (Agency & NGO's)	Partners Contribution	Species at risk	Planned Monitoring	Estimated Costs